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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re:

Application of:

David Elliott WHITTEN.

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DEVICE FOR SEIZING OF FLAT MATERIAL

ON A TRANSPORTING SURFACE

Examiner:

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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

September 16, 2002

Sir:

In response to the final office action dated July 3, 2002 received in the above-identified application, applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application, as amended, and based on the following remarks.

## REMARKS

Claims 1 to 13 and 15 to 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Price in view of Nagano.

Reconsideration of the application and withdrawal of the rejection based on the following